jects, namely, Telugu Ganga and Vamsadhara Stage-II, though teachno-economically appraised in April, 1988 and October, 1988, respectively require resolution of intcr-Statc issues. Vamsadhara Stage-II. Project also requires clearance from forest and environmental angles and the State Government is to furnish the details of rehabilitation plan to the Union Department of Welfare. Six medium irrigation projects have been examined at the Centre and observations have been sent to the State Government between November, 1988 and August, 1989. There is no further response from the State Government.

**Effecting bike in HRA and CCA from 1st April, 1986**

324. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO :
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'HRA, CCA hike Effective from April 1, 1986' which apprearcd in the Times of India of ths 20th January, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) The Board of Arbitration has given an Award on 19-1-1990 that House Rent Allowance and Compensatory (City) Allowance may be paid to Central Government employees at the revised rates as accepted by the Government on the basis of the recommendation of 4th Pay Commission, from 1-4-*1986* instead of from 1-10-1986. The Award further provides that the amounts received by the employees in respect of the period 1st April, 1986 to 30th September, 1986 under tha previous Award of the Board dated 4th January, 1989 shall be adjusted against the amounts due under this Award.

(c) The matter is under consideration of the Governmsnt.

**Measures to prevent booth capturing during elections**

325. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any measures to prevent booth capturing during elections; and

(b) if so, what are the details theieof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) and (b) Specific maa?urss like- posting of substantially large number of Central forces in addition to the State police forces, identifying areas prone to booth capturing, seizure of illegal arms, restrictions on the movement of vehicles on polling day and rounding up of anti-social elements etc. had been taken during the recent Assembly elections. Further certain measures for prevention of booth capturing are under consideration of the Committee on Electoral Reforms appointed by the Government.

**Expenditure on Subsidies**

326. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a RBI study the total